

IN THE DRAWINGS

The drawings have been amended as indicated by the Examiner.

Figure 2, has been amended to show the arrowhead(s) on the line connecting devices 160 and 180.

Figure 8, has been amended to show the arrowhead(s) on the line connecting devices “determine fitness of population” and “create offspring”.

RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6972 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully Submitted,

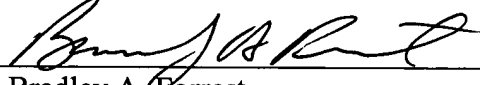
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